## Congress of the United States Washington, DC 20515

May 31, 2024

His Excellency Benjamin Netanyahu Prime Minister of the State of Israel Embassy of Israel 3514 International Drive N.W. Washington, D.C. 20008

Dear Mr. Prime Minister:

Last year, Congress was proud to host Israeli President Isaac Herzog in Washington to celebrate 75 years of friendship and partnership between our two democracies. Less than three months later, the horrific attacks of October 7th shocked the world and forced your nation into a fight for its very existence. We join the State of Israel in your struggle against terror, especially as Hamas continues to hold American and Israeli citizens captive and its leaders jeopardize regional stability.

For this reason, on behalf of the bipartisan leadership of the United States House of Representatives and the United States Senate, we would like to invite you to address a Joint Meeting of Congress.

The existential challenges we face, including the growing partnership between Iran, Russia, and China, threaten the security, peace, and prosperity of our countries and of free people around the world. To build on our enduring relationship and to highlight America's solidarity with Israel, we invite you to share the Israeli government's vision for defending democracy, combatting terror, and establishing a just and lasting peace in the region.

Sincerely,

MIKE JOHNSON

Speaker of the House

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Senate Republican Leader

CHARLES SCHUMER

Senate Majority Leader

HAKEEM JEFFRIES

House Democratic Leader